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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOB ROUTE RESTRICTIONS

REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN 1000; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 1381

1. EMBASSY MAY DELETE FROM AIDE-MEMOIRE REFERENCES TO GOTT CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT USG MIGHT GRANT ROUTE RIGHTS TO BARBADOS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ORAL DEMARCHE SHOULD INCLUDE REFERENCE TO FACT GOTT HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO USG OVER POSSIBILITY ROUTE GRANT TO BARBADOS. AS PORT OF SPAIN POINTS OUT, GOB MAY ALREADY BE AWARE OF GOTT APPROACH AND CERTAINLY WILL GET WIND OF IT EVENTUALLY. WE BELIEVE IT BETTER FOR GOB TO GET CORRECT FACTS DIRECTLY FROM US, RATHER THAN DEVELOP MISCONCEPTIONS ON THEIR OWN, AS DID GOTT, AS WAS EVIDENT FROM MAHABIR VISIT. WE PARTICULARLY BELIEVE IT BETTER THAT GOTT BE TOLD THAT USG CANNOT FOREGO ROUTE GRANT TO BARBADOS IN ABSENCE FORMATION
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REGIONAL AIRLINE.

2. THE REFERENCE TO "OTHER AIRLINES" IN PARA 5(C) OF STATE 121119 IS TO BWIA. IF PAN AM SERVICE FROM MIAMI AND SAN JUAN IS TERMINATED, BWIA WILL PRESUMABLY ATTEMPT FULL THE GAP. (EASTERN MAY ALSO AT SAN JUAN, BUT IT CANNOT DO SO AT MIAMI). THIS WOULD BENEFIT BWIA AND ALSO LEAVE BARBADOS TOURISM UNAFFECTED. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC PLAN AT THIS TIME TO PREVENT BWIA FROM FILLING THE GAP (BY DISAPPROVING BWIA SCHEDULES), BUT THERE IS ALREADY US AIRLINE PRESSURE TO MOVE AGAINST BWIA BECAUSE OF GOTT REFUSAL AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PAN AM AND EASTERN SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH US-GOTT AGREEMENT AND THESE PRESSURES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE IF PAN AM MIAMI-SAN JUAN-BRIDGETOWN SERVICES TERMINATED. WHILE BARROW MAY NOT CARE IF US MOVES AGAINST BWIA, HE SHOULD CARE IF THIS HAS ADVERSE EFFECT ON BARBADOS TOURISM. WORDING OF PARA 5(C) IS INTENDED TO CONVEY POSSIBILITY THAT US WILL TAKE SOME ACTION, WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHAT WE MIGHT DO. SISCO

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